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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number: S. 0453 Introduced on March 13, 2025
Subject: Teledentistry
Requestor: Senate Medical Affairs
RFA Analyst(s): Tipton
Impact Date: August 4, 2025

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill establishes guidelines and restrictions for the practice of teledentistry and requires the Board of Dentistry to adopt regulations governing the provision of dental services through teledentistry.

This bill will have no fiscal impact on the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (LLR) or the Board of Dentistry. LLR indicates that the bill does not materially alter the responsibilities of the agency or the board, and any expenses incurred as a result of implementing the bill will be managed with existing resources.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on March 13, 2025

State Expenditure

This bill establishes guidelines and restrictions for the practice of teledentistry and requires the Board of Dentistry to adopt regulations governing the provision of dental services through teledentistry. The bill defines teledentistry and other terms related to the practice and the standard of care required for teledentistry. The bill requires licensees to establish a bona fide relationship with a patient before providing teledentistry services, including appropriate in-person physical examinations. The bill further establishes requirements for licensees practicing teledentistry related to the confirmation and verification of a patient's identity, furnishment of identifying information related to the licensee's practice to a teledentistry patient, the provision of informed consent of teledentistry services, and limitations on the advertisement of teledentistry services. The bill limits tasks that may be delegated by a dentist to auxiliaries in the practice of teledentistry, and restricts licensees practicing teledentistry from requiring a patient to enter into an agreement that restricts the ability of the patient to submit a complaint to the board, file a lawsuit, join a class action lawsuit, or otherwise limit or prohibit the patient from obtaining relief for deficiencies in the treatment or services they have received. The provisions of this bill govern if found to be in conflict with Title 40 of Chapter 42, the Telehealth and Telemedicine Modernization Act, and the bill takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

LLR indicates that the provisions of this bill do not materially alter the responsibilities of the agency or the Board of Dentistry, and any expenses resulting from the implementation of the bill will be managed using existing resources. Therefore, this bill will have no fiscal impact on LLR.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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